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Applicant : Keiko Matsubara, et al.  
Application No. : 09/925,355  
Filed : August 8, 2001  
Title : **NEGATIVE ELECTRODE FOR LITHIUM RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES  
AND LITHIUM RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES**

Grp./Div. : 1745  
Examiner : Laura S. Weiner

Docket No. : 45550/DBP/Y35

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Enclosed is an amendment to the above-identified application.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Paid For	Number Extra Claims	Small Entity Rate	Large Entity Rate	FEE
Total Claims Fee	6	*20	0	0 x \$9.00	0 x \$18.00	0
Independent Claims	3	** 3	0	0 x \$43.00	0 x \$86.00	0
Multiple Dependent Claims ***				\$145.00	\$290.00	0
TOTAL FILING FEE						0
NO ADDITIONAL FEE REQUIRED ****	IF NO FEE REQUIRED, INSERT "0"					0
LIST INDEPENDENT CLAIMS: 1, 3 and 4						
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Attached is our check for \$ to pay the fees calculated above.  
A Petition for Extension of Time and the required fee are enclosed.

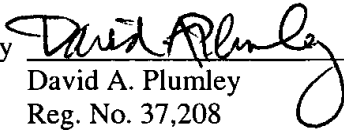
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\_\_\_\_\_ Other enclosures:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by or to give effect to this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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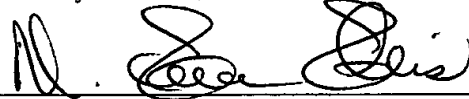
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Commissioner:

In response to the final Office action of December 3, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.